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FOLLOWING REPEAT JAKARTA 8864 ACTION STATE INFO BANGKOK KUALA LUMPUR  
MANILA MEDAN SINGAPORE SURABAYA CINCPAC HONO JULY 5.

QUOTE O N F I D E N T I A L

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SHUM, ID  
SUBJECT: ACCELERATED RELEASE OF POLITICAL DETAINEES

1. KOPKAMTIB COMMANDER ADMIRAL SUDOMO ANNOUNCED JULY 4  
FOLLOWING A CALL ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO THAT THE GOI WILL RE-  
LEASE THE 10,000 POLITICAL DETAINEES SCHEDULED TO BE FREED  
IN 1978 IN THREE STAGES, BEGINNING THIS MONTH WITH THE FIRST  
GROUP (NUMBERS NOT SPECIFIED). THE OTHER STAGES ARE  
PLANNED FOR OCTOBER AND DECEMBER. THE RELEASE BY STAGES  
WILL GREATLY EASE THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN, HE NOTED.

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2. SUDOMO TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE 1977 RELEASES HAD GONE  
SMOOTHLY WITH NO ADVERSE EFFECT ON INTERNAL SECURITY, EXCEPT  
FOR ONE INCIDENT IN SURABAYA WHERE A RELEASED DETAINEE  
WAS ARRESTED FOR INCITING A DEMONSTRATION OF BECAK DRIVERS.  
HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO ASSIST THE RETURNING EX-DETAINEES  
TO RE-ENTER SOCIETY, ADDING THAT FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT FIND  
EMPLOYMENT THE GOVERNMENT HAS PREPARED A RESETTLEMENT CENTER

IN KALIMANTAN WHICH ALREADY HAS SOME 300 SETTLERS.

3. COMMENT: THE ANNOUNCEMENT CONFIRMS REPORTED GOI PLANS  
TO ACCELERATE THE RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES IN 1978. UNEMPLOYMENT  
CONTINUES TO BE THE MAJOR PROBLEM FACING THE RELEASEES,  
BUT SO FAR RELATIVELY FEW HAVE CHOSEN TO ACCEPT  
THE OFFER OF NEW LAND AT THE RESETTLEMENT CENTERS. MASTERS  
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